

Yolo

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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I have concerns about the Cal-Fed EIS/EIR released last month. I fear that the lack of sufficient new water storage facilities will mean that water will be taken from agricultural use. I am concerned about the huge loss of farmland under the plan. Loss of farmland will undermine the ag infrastructure (both physical and economic) which will hurt farming operations in and around the Bay-Delta area. My own farm may not be directly affected by the Cal-Fed plan, but adverse impacts to our local ag economy can indirectly hurt everyone in our county.

Given the complexity and size of the plan, I am concerned about the short time allowed for public comment and the lack of public hearings. This raises the suspicion that something is being railroaded through which would not hold up under thoughtful examination.

Cal-Fed is an ambitious public undertaking. Shouldn't the process allow for more involvement by the public? I hope you will extend the time for public comment and implement public hearings.

Sincerely,



Robert Ramming

cc: Governor Gray Davis
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Doug Ose
State Senator Maurice Johannessen
Assembly Member Helen Thomson
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

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